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A BRILLIANT GERMAN.

The Junior German Club opens the Season With a Notable Event.

Eyes that sparkle with loveliness, ruby lips that Cupid takes for the models of his bows, little arms that vied in whiteness with the snow outside, forms that would be envied by a nymph, a Nalad or a Grace, and the sweet maidens of Roanoke, with their tiny little feet playing hide and seek beneath their skirts, went whirling round the spacious hall room of the Rorer Park Hotel at the German last night given by the members of the Junior German Club.

Pestooning evergreens hung around walls and fantastic lanterns from the land of the Jap swung between the dancing gas.

The young ladies present were Miss Sallie Crawford, pale blue cashmere; Miss Walthall, pale blue India silk; Miss Dickerson, blue silk; Miss Lizzie Crawford, blue cashmere; Miss Green, pink India mull; Miss Nela Fowle, Nile-green India silk; Miss Belle Crawford, black lace and turquoise velvet; Miss Wilson, white India mull; Miss Langhorn, black lace; Miss Hunt, black velvet; Miss Staples, blue brocade and silk; Miss Trent, pink silk; Miss England, white silk; Mrs. Wright, white cashmere; Miss Wright, white cashmere; and Miss Daisy Crawford, white China silk.

The chaperones were Mrs. Charles Irwin, red silk and velvet, and Mrs. L. L. Crawford, black silk and point lace. The gentlemen were: H. C. Starkey, H. C. Elliott, Warren Wellford, Jake Sprindale, A. C. Marston, E. B. Spencer, W. R. Gordon, George Kitzmiller, R. L. Wright, Tom Hume, Chas. Carpenter, Mick Perkins, W. W. Vest, Chas. Preston, J. T. Trout, Ran Henry, J. H. Penn, A. B. Botts, and M. Wright, Mr. Neal, Mr. Woodson.

The delightful music was furnished by the Roanoke Machine Works string band.

A PLEASANT EVENING.

The Young People's Society of the Presbyterian Church Entertain.

The entertainment given by the Young People's Society of the First Presbyterian Church yesterday evening was a decided success.

The program was as follows: "Aux Italiens," by Miss Ida Stone. "Evening Song," vocal solo, by Miss Daisy Graves.

"The Hungarian Youth," by Mr. Baskerville.

"Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross," sung in Arabic by Mr. Luffy, of Damascus, Syria.

"Parasitus," by Mr. Hancock.

Duet, "May Time," by Miss M. E. Stone and Miss Gussie Teaford.

"Billy's Rose," C. E. Graves.

"A Lover's Query," by E. H. Stewart.

"The Tramp's Resolve," by Mr. Biddecombe, recently of Toronto, Canada.

An address by Mr. Luffy.

At 10 o'clock an elegant supper was served, sandwiches, chocolate, coffee, fruits, cake and cream. The table was beautifully decorated. The assembly room was adorned with mottoes and evergreens. The ladies in charge of the entertainment were Mrs. E. H. Stewart, Mrs. Lisle Morrison, Mrs. Featherstone and Miss Featherstone.

After having spent a most delightful evening, the company dispersed at 11. Mr. Hancock presided with his accustomed dignity and acceptability.

The pleasures of the evening were somewhat saddened at times, as the young people remembered the face and form of their late beloved president, Charles R. Luck, who passed from earth to heaven November 17.

The Sheriff Died First.

SHRENBROOK, Ont., Dec. 19.—[Special]—Rene Lamontagne was hanged here at 9:25 this morning for the murder of his brother-in-law, Nopolin Michel. About 8:45 this morning Sheriff Webb, who had charge of the execution, died suddenly from heart disease.

THE CLOSING DAY AT ASHEVILLE

Board of Southern Immigration Recommended.

Resolutions Relating to the Closing of the World's Fair on Sunday Debated Hotly and Referred to the Commission—Commissioner of Immigration for Each State Recommended by the Report of the Legislative Committee, Which Was Adopted.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 19.—[Special]—The last day of the Inter-state Immigration Convention was a busy one, receiving reports from the various committees.

General R. B. Vance and W. C. Wilson, both of North Carolina, offered resolutions declaring it to be the sense of the convention that the proper observance of the Sabbath requires the closing of the Columbian World's Fair exposition on the Sabbath. After a heated debate the resolution was referred to the commission of the Columbian exposition.

A resolution to recommend to the governors of each State the appointment of a committee of five from their States to act in conjunction with an American committee, and to be known as the promotion committee of the World's Fair, was adopted.

The report of the committee on legislation was as follows: "We recognize the necessity of unity of action by the Southern States here represented, and that it can best be accomplished by a concerted system of legislation; therefore you are requested to provide by law for the appointment and maintenance of a commission of immigration, whose duty it shall be to form a board of Southern immigration to co-operate with the Southern immigration bureau in promoting the great cause of Southern immigration, and the upbuilding of our common Southland, and that the executive committee present to the legislatures suitable bills to carry this recommendation into effect, and urge the passage of such a measure."

"That the general manager, aided by the executive committee, be requested to draft a constitution and by-laws for the permanent government of this body and report at the next convention, and that the general manager and committee issue a periodical as the general official organ of the bureau, to be under their control, but that character and expediency of the same and the frequency of publication be discretionary with said manager and committee."

The report was adopted.

EVERYTHING QUIET.

No Engagements Between the Indians and Troops.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 19.—[Special]—A Journal Rapid City, S. D., special says that the reported engagement between troops and the Indians at Daly's ranch and other points are false. There has been three skirmishes between Col. M. H. Day's command of settlers and cowboys, numbering fifty men. The last one, on Tuesday, was a hot one. The Indians attempted to burn haystacks at Daly's Pond but were driven off by Colonel Day.

A band of 150 hostiles are moving westward. Fifty miles north of here, in Butte county, eighty men of the Ninth cavalry and sixty Cheyenne scouts under Captain Moore have been sent after them. Seven companies of the Seventh infantry now at Fort Russell under the command of Col. Mizner will arrive at Hermosa to-day.

General Miles has received dispatches from General Carr, whose camp is thirty-five miles southeast of here, showing that everything is quiet. The Indians camped in Little Missouri county north of Minnesota are thought to be sitting Ball's band.

THE WOMEN DOWN ON HIM.

Parnell's Latest Enemies Say He Pollutes the Soil.

DUNELM, Dec. 19.—[Special]—Canon Cody asserts that it was mud that was thrown in Parnell's face and eyes, and not lime, as it is said by his supporters. An address signed by twenty-three women of Kilkenny has been published. It declares that Parnell, after years of systematic deceit, has at last been unmasked, and that his very presence pollutes the soil.

The Freeman's Journal to-day says that Parnell will carry Kilkenny in the coming parliamentary election if the priests hold aloof in the contest. "Their conduct," it says, "is unpardonable." We know that home rule without Parnell is impossible. No British statesman would commit Ireland to a man of inferior strength. Parnell can restore the financial situation between Ireland and America.

Everybody reads THE TIMES "Want Column." If you have houses or rooms to rent, property or anything else to sell put a small Ad. in THE TIMES, it will bring you calls.

Indian Murderers Hanged.

MISSOULA, Mont., Dec. 19.—[Special]—This morning Lazare, Pierre, Paul Antley and Pascale, four Indian murderers, were hanged at the courthouse here. All died game. They were cut down twenty minutes after the trap was sprung. Their necks were broken. They were executed for the murder of white men.

American Health Association.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 19.—[Special]—The American Health Association, in session here during the last three days, adjourned this morning. The next meeting will be held in Kansas City, Mo., next December, the date to be fixed by the executive committee.

NORFOLK AND WESTERN CHANGES.

The Traffic Department to be Transferred to the S. V. Buildings.

The Norfolk and Western Railroad Company is to make a change in the present arrangement of division headquarters.

The headquarters of the Radford division, now located in Roanoke, will be moved to Radford before the beginning of the new year. Superintendent John A. Hardy, of the Radford division, will move his office and force to Radford and will occupy the offices at present being used by Superintendent John G. Osborne, of that place. Mr. Hardy will probably take a staff of twelve with him to Radford.

Superintendent James C. Cassell, of the Lynchburg division, will move his force and quarters to the offices vacated by Mr. Hardy, and T. H. Bransford, who at the first of the year became superintendent of the Shenandoah Valley road as far as Shenandoah, will move into Mr. Cassell's old quarters.

At the first of the new year Superintendent Flicker, of the Shenandoah Valley road, will change his offices from the Shenandoah Valley building to the Norfolk and Western building, and Superintendent Hippey and Mr. McDowell will likewise have their offices in this building.

Vice-President (Eddy, Mr. Bevil, and Mr. Pope will move from the Norfolk and Western building into the Shenandoah Valley building. All the traffic departments of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company will be transferred to the Shenandoah Valley building.

THE PUMP AT WORK.

There Will Be Water in All the Mains To-day.

The Roanoke Gas and Water Company, after commendable energy, had the old pump at work yesterday before 3 o'clock, which will supply the city with water until the other pump can be repaired. It will require a week or two to do this.

There were four machinists at work all Thursday night at the pump-house one of whom Mr. Baughman, being in charge, and it is largely due to their unabating efforts that the city had water in the afternoon.

Some of the people on the hills were complaining yesterday afternoon that they had not gotten water. The reason is that all the mains could not be pumped full so soon. The company says everybody will have water this morning.

The people, however, should not be lavish with water, for it can only be with the strictest economy that the supply will go around.

THE SNOW STILL HERE.

The Sidewalks Being Cleared, But the Country Roads Still Blocked.

The big snow is melting slowly, but it is still in the way. The sidewalks in the business portions of the town are pretty well cleared of the snow, which has been piled into the streets. A few vehicles were out yesterday and the snow and real estate is getting considerably mixed in many places. Sleigh bells were jingling, notwithstanding the mixture.

George Keagy, who lives about three miles south of Roanoke, was in the city yesterday and reports the roads in the country as still impassable.

The barns of Captain Moomaw and Daniel Moomaw were demolished by the heavy weight of snow on the roofs.

THE STORM IN WEST VIRGINIA.

A Child Perishes and a Hundred Families Snowed In.

POINT PLEASANT, Dec. 19.—[Special]—A tow boat has gotten through to this point from Coal City, six miles up the Big Kanawha river. Its officers tell their tales of a great snowfall all along the upper river and into Elk and the Coal River valleys. The West Virginia branch of the Ohio Central railroad has abandoned all trains, and the Chesapeake and Ohio is nearly as bad. Every telephone wire in the entire valley is down. At St. Albans the roofs of three houses crashed in and four people were badly hurt. At Buffalo a child perished in the snow on the way from school. Five children are reported lost and possibly dead by this time. On Thirteen Mile Creek more than a hundred families, mostly miners, are snowed in near Ronceverte, and their situation is dangerous.

Sherman Withdraws His Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—[Special]—It is understood that after consultation between Senator Sherman and Representative McKinley on the subject the former has determined to withdraw the resolution introduced by him to so construct the tariff law as to maintain the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty in operation. The probability of amendments being offered which might reopen the entire tariff question is understood to have caused this decision.

A Negro Murderer Hanged.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 19.—[Special]—Adam Mongin, colored, was hanged to-day at Mt. Pleasant County, for the murder of Simon Jackson, colored, on May 31st last. The murderer confessed his crime under the gallows and sang a hymn. He showed no signs of fear or weakness.

The Debris Cleared Away.

A force of eighty men were at work all day yesterday on the wreck of the Machine Works blacksmith shop and by evening had cleared away all the debris of the roof and walls, and had gone to work removing the snow and sleet to prepare the work of rebuilding.

The Weather To-day.

Forecast: For Virginia, fair, easterly winds; slight changes in temperature.

PREPARING FOR THE MEETING

Of Real Estate Men in Roanoke in January.

The Special Committee on Constitution and By-laws Meet and Perform their Work—Strong Resolutions Adopted. Mr. Sharp, a Norfolk Member of the Committee, Interviewed.

The special committee appointed by the real estate agents' conference at Norfolk to formulate a constitution and by-laws to be submitted to the convention in Roanoke next month met Thursday in Lynchburg. There were present: J. F. Wingfield, chairman, of Roanoke; H. L. Page and Walter Sharp, of Norfolk; Louis Rawlings, of Richmond, and S. E. Morris, of Lynchburg. The by-laws and constitution which will be submitted to the convention, were also the following resolutions:

Resolved, that a systematic and combined effort be made—

To advance the interests of the real estate business in Virginia by properly and extensively advertising the resources of the State.

To accomplish for the State at large the same splendid results that have accrued to some of our cities through the efforts of the local exchanges.

To exercise such just and united influence over our legislature as will secure equitable laws for our protection and advancement.

To bring together the brain and energy of our calling so that from their deliberations and general exchange of views new ideas and plans may be evolved.

To maintain principles of honesty and fair dealings in the operations of licensed real estate agents and auctioneers and to crush out all efforts of wrong-doers in misrepresentation or otherwise.

To accomplish by joint effort what has hitherto been impossible under our old methods.

To urge the organization of local real estate exchanges in every city and town in the commonwealth not now so organized.

To bring together the real estate men of Virginia in closer business and social relations.

Be it further resolved, That the name of the body be the Real Estate Exchange of Virginia.

That the by-laws and constitution as read by Mr. Sharp be adopted.

That a certificate of membership be issued to and a badge worn by the members of the State Exchange.

That the committee present no names to the convention, but suggest that the officers be apportioned to the different sections of the State.

That as soon as practicable after organization a bureau of information be established in the city of New York.

That Messrs. Sharp and Page be appointed a committee of two to attend to the necessary printing, etc.

That a vote of thanks be extended to the Lynchburg Real Estate Exchange for their kindness to the committee.

Mr. Walter Sharp, of Norfolk, a member of the committee on constitution and by-laws, is at Hotel Roanoke. It is his busy brain and untiring efforts that the movement for a State real estate exchange is due. He is one of the leading citizens of Norfolk and a prominent real estate operator.

He is the man who went to Richmond and fought through the amendment to Norfolk's charter, taking in the big stretch of land and river front running up to Lambert's Point. In person he is of medium height, well set, with a slight black mustache and a vital aggressive way of asserting himself.

"We are coming up strong from Norfolk next month and want the convention to be a great success," said he. "It is our opinion that Richmond should be the headquarters of the exchange and that we want to establish a real estate paper to give expression to our views and forward our interests and the interests of the State."

Mr. Sharp and Dr. E. A. Parsons will go to Norfolk this morning.

See our Christmas Chimes advertisement on the third page. It's a thing of beauty.

Wreck Near Bedford City.

About 2 o'clock yesterday morning the east-bound freight train on the Norfolk and Western railroad was wrecked a short distance above Bedford City. Six cars were thrown from the tracks. The accident was caused by hot boxes. No one was seriously hurt. The conductor's head was slightly cut, but he was not disabled for duty. No. 1 was delayed about forty-five minutes. A wrecking crew soon had the track in condition for trains to pass. The workmen had the wreck cleared by 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Work on the Ohio Extension.

Work on the Ohio extension of the Norfolk and Western railroad is progressing rapidly. It was begun last April and the line starting from Ironton, running along Twelve Pole river and connecting with the Flat Top division at Elk Horn, is more than half graded, and track laying will begin at both ends by the first of the year. Rails have been laid at Kenova, Cabell county, on the Ohio river. Forty miles of track will be laid before the first of next May.

The Dummies Running.

The Street Railway Company have their two dummy lines in good working order now. The dummy to Vinton was running all day yesterday, and the Salem dummy engine after clearing the way came back and made one trip yesterday afternoon. The company has hopes of having the city street cars running by Monday morning. They say the sun will have to do a little work for them before they can have their cars in motion.

TWO MEN KILLED.

Fireman Atwood and Brakeman Houst on Die in a Wreck.

About 1 o'clock yesterday a derailment occurred on the Shenandoah Valley railroad, one mile north of Buchanan, when Fireman Atwood and Front Brakeman Houst lost their lives. Both were white men.

The accident was caused by a slide of the road bed, when the train, a north-bound freight, rushed upon it at full speed. The train was in command of Engineer Yates and Conductor Conner. The engine and five cars were derailed and precipitated down an embankment into the James river.

They are a total wreck, but fell clear of the track, which was repaired. Freight was delayed for some time, but were moving before night.

Superintendent Flicker and Trainmaster Bransford left Roanoke as soon as a relief could be made up for the scene of the disaster.

They found that the body of Brakeman Houst, which was under the engine, was horribly mangled. His head was nearly severed from the body, and he was fearfully burned. His body was gotten out soon after the wreck. Houst was riding on the engine at the time he met his death.

The body of Fireman Atwood was not found yesterday afternoon. It is feared that his remains were carried down the river by the current, and will have to be fished out.

It is reported that the engineer, who was not hurt, jumped. There are reports of two other brakemen being slightly injured.

There is no need to buy a Baltimore, Philadelphia or New York paper to find the news. By subscribing for THE TIMES you can have it served to you every morning at your breakfast table twelve hours in advance of the Northern papers.

ROANOKE MUSICAL SOCIETY.

Making a Laudable Effort to Extend its Scope and Influence.

The Roanoke Musical Society, which some time ago gave a musical recital at the Opera House, is desirous of extending its scope.

Originally and at present only a male chorus or some eighteen to twenty voices, it is thought best for the musical interests of Roanoke, to extend its scope and give it facility to be of lasting value to the musical interests of the city by converting the male chorus into a mixed chorus, thus giving the fair element an opportunity of acquiring facility in sight reading and ensemble singing, and thus enable the chorus to render the greater vocal works of ancient and modern masters.

Nearly all cities of like size as Roanoke have flourishing musical societies, through which alone the people have a chance to become acquainted with great composers. The refining and ennobling influences of such a society are certainly well understood and need not be emphasized.

To do this, however, the society needs larger quarters, better accommodations, on account of the admission of lady members; and, above all things, a musical instrument—a piano—has to be procured.

The society, consisting at present of young men only, has no income except that needed to meet current expenses. A special fund will have to be provided to inaugurate this proposed extension of the work of the society.

A circular detailing these aims will be sent to the citizens of the city, and it is hoped that those who not only have the material advancement of Roanoke at heart, but also the intellectual and artistic advancement, and who believe that this city should in this respect not be behind other cities of the State, viz., Lynchburg, Petersburg, Norfolk and Richmond, cities that all have a flourishing musical society, will heartily respond and contribute to this special fund to the best of their ability.

THE TIMES is the leading paper of the mineral belt of the two Virginias. If you want to keep posted on the development of this section you cannot afford to be without it.

Looking at Zinc Mines.

Hon. Henry M. Cross, of Boston, is at Hotel Roanoke, with Mr. John H. Bartlett, of Virginia, and Captain Nathan Bartlett, of Massachusetts. Mr. Cross was Democratic candidate for State treasurer last year in Massachusetts. Captain Nathan Bartlett was the inventor and builder of the first oxide of zinc and spelter furnaces erected in America. These gentlemen, under the guidance of Mr. J. H. Bartlett, spent yesterday in examining the plant of the Washington zinc works at Lynchburg and the zinc mines at Bonsacks. They expressed themselves as highly pleased at the outlook. It is probable that their visit will result in the bringing of large amounts of New England capital to this section.

Rumor of an N. & W. Purchase Untrue.

The report that the Norfolk and Western road had negotiated to purchase a large tract of bottom land north of the depot at Radford from the Radford Development Company to be used for the erection of shops and the putting down of additional track is contradicted at the headquarters of the road in this city. A Times reporter was yesterday told the rumors were groundless. The road has secured the right of way and will build a track to the pipe works at Radford and that is all, and probably led to the rumor.

Recovered From the Storm.

The trains on the Norfolk and Western road, east of Roanoke, where the snow storm was heaviest, are moving on time at present, both passenger and freight. The Virginia Midland is also in good working order, reports indicate.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

But Little Baltimore Capital in this Section.

The Assertion of a Prominent Baltimorean that 60 Per Cent. of the Outside Capital in the Southwest is from Baltimore Denied by Roanokers Who Know—All Its Investments Profitable. What They Are in Roanoke.

The business men of Baltimore are agitating the formation of an industrial development association, and meetings of them are being held to discuss the plans and purposes of the proposed organization.

At a meeting held in that city for the purpose of discussing the subject, Mr. J. Frank Supplee, in advocating the promotion of the industries of Baltimore and the establishment of new ones, made a number of statements which have been challenged by citizens of Roanoke.

The parts of Mr. Supplee's remarks to which exception is taken are contained in the following extracts:

"The drain of capital from our city to the boom towns and paper cities of the South is being seriously felt. An observant and experienced correspondent sent there to investigate reports that 60 per cent. of the foreign capital that has been invested in the territory of Southwest Virginia, extending from Roanoke to Bristol, came from Baltimore. New York, with her customary shrewdness, is conspicuous by her absence, while Philadelphia, Baltimore and the West are furnishing the lambs who are to be shorn of their golden fleece to make comfortable the land speculators of Virginia this winter. A report this week shows \$1,000,000 for the month ending November was invested by outsiders in this territory. All of these booms are based upon the one advertised foundation—the location of new manufacturing establishments in their midst, bringing population and distributing wages."

"The foundation of all these movements is free land to manufacturers and an augmentation of from 80 to 22 1/2 per cent. of their capital by the local improvement company. Within the past ten days six reputable establishments, employing an average of fifty persons each, have signed contracts to remove their plant from our city. The time of action has arrived. We may 'resolute until the cows come home' about our 'geographical position, terminal facilities and sublimous climate' but the exodus will continue until more intelligent selection of manufacturing is developed, and our citizens awake to an investment of their means here, rather than in wildcat ventures in town lots and mining speculations."

Business men interviewed. In order to ascertain if these statements were facts a reporter interviewed a number of business men yesterday, all of whom regretted that such incorrect statements had been given out to the world.

Hon. H. S. Trout, president of the First National Bank, said: "I can not understand why these statements should be made. Comparatively little Baltimore capital is invested in Southwest Virginia, and all that has been, to my knowledge, has thus far returned a handsome profit to the investors. It would be safe to say that 100 per cent. has been the average return to investors from Baltimore. Of course, the balance of exchange is all against the North, but that is natural. I am in a position to know, and can assert that in not one instance has a capitalist from Baltimore suffered any loss in this section. All these statements, when made by responsible parties, have a tendency to make capital more timid than it now is, but when the resources of Southwest Virginia are investigated, that timidity will disappear."

MR. KEMP TALKS.

Mr. Francis B. Kemp denied the statements of Mr. Supplee. "Baltimore is a comparatively light investor in Southwest Virginia property," said he, "and the money now going into real estate here is almost exclusively profits derived from previous investments. Baltimore has done less for this section than any other city in the north; Philadelphia alone has invested \$30 for every \$1 put in by Baltimoreans. It is true that \$1,000,000 was put into this section during November, but the percentage from Baltimore was quite insignificant. If that city wishes to let go her holdings in Southwest Virginia she will find plenty of residents of this section willing and anxious to pay all she has put in, together with 6 per cent. interest and a handsome profit for these holdings. We would then regard them as handsome investments. I lately bought out the interest of a Baltimore capitalist in a Southwest enterprise, paying him \$5 for every dollar he put into this section just three months ago. And the history of the large majority of Baltimore's speculations. That city is not investing largely, but by rapidly turning over their holdings its capitalists are realizing big profits out of Southwest Virginia."

DR. PARSONS' VIEWS.

Dr. E. A. Parsons said: "So far from it being true that sixty per cent. of the capital invested in Southwest Virginia comes from Baltimore, I doubt if six per cent. comes from that city. Outside of Bedford City, I do not know of any place in this section claiming to contain any amount of Baltimore money. "One thing I wish to say particularly is that the vast amount of money which has developed Southwest Virginia has come from residents of Virginia itself—money which has been dug up out of the traditional 'stocking' of thrifty merchants, professional men, and farmers, assisted largely by Philadelphia capital. "Salem is an illustration of this. Its